



October 13, 2010

Cynthia Hutchison United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region VII Region VII 901 North 5th Street Kansas City, KS 66101

Re: Response to Proposal for Collaborative Agreement Former Site of Waterloo Industries 300 Ansborough Avenue Waterloo, Iowa 50701

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Dear Ms. Hutchison:

I am writing in response to your September 9, 2010 letter. You previously communicated with Chuck Corley of Waterloo Industries. I am working with Chuck on this matter. We have reviewed the March 1996 RCRA Facility Assessment prepared by Science Applications International Corporation and the May 1999 Sampling Report and Request for No Further Action prepared by Roy F. Weston, Inc. In addition, we have reviewed the summary information you provided regarding EPA's 2008 and 2009 sampling and analysis targeted areas of consideration in light of EPA's review of the 1996 and 1999 work. We are now prepared to discuss a Collaborative Agreement and the appropriate Scope of Work regarding the three Solid Waste Management Units (SWMUs) and four Areas of Concern (AOC) targeted in the October 2008 sampling conducted by SES, Inc. at the direction of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). We would appreciate it if EPA could provide the analytical report for soil vapor sampling, including the sampling location, sampling procedure, and analytical method. With respect to the soil and groundwater sampling, we would appreciate it if EPA would provide the analytical reports for each respective sampling.

Assuming EPA could provide the requested information in the next few days, my associates and I are available for a meeting at the Region VII offices November 8 thru 11, 2010 and November 15 thru 19, 2010. Also in attendance will be Stephanie Slatkin, Senior Legal Counsel for Fortune Brands, Inc., Parthenia B. Evans, Stinson Morrison Hecker, LLP, and a representative from Environmental Resources Management, Inc. An 11:00 a.m. meeting time would work well to accommodate our various travel schedules. We would like to reserve three hours for our meeting in order to ensure a sufficient amount of time for a full discussion.

Please contact me at your earliest convenience to schedule a meeting date. I look forward to your response. I can be reached at 660-829-8722 or by email at michael.stees@wi.com.

Sincerely,

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